

### Remarks

In the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, the Examiner stated that the Applicant had not complied with one or more of the conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier date under 35 U.S.C. §120, for the reasons set forth in numbered paragraph 1 of the Office Action. The Examiner will please note that an appropriate paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification, and the Examiner's attention is drawn to box number 7 of the Request for Filing a Continuation or Division of an International Application form, PTO form SB/13/PCT, where the claimed priority was clearly made at the time of filing.

The drawings were objected to for the reasons set forth in numbered paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004. The Examiner noted that reference numeral 74 appears in Figure 1 but is not mentioned in the description, and the Applicant has added an appropriate recitation of the element illustrated in Figure 1 into the specification to correct this deficiency. No new matter is believed to have been added. The Examiner also noted that reference numerals 22, 26 and 34 were each used to identify a part in Figures 1-3 and then a modification of such part in Figures 4 & 5. The Examiner will note that the specification has been amended, as has drawing Figure 4, to put a "prime" symbol on numerals 22, 26 and 34 to distinguish the corresponding elements in Figures 1 & 3 and 4 & 5. The Examiner requested a proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings to reflect these amendments to the figures, and Applicant is tendering herewith a corrected formal drawing Figure 4, together with a red-lined copy thereof to show the Examiner where the "prime" symbols have been added to numerals 22, 26 and 34. The Examiner will also note that corresponding changes to these

numerals as they apply to Figures 4 & 5 in the specification have been amended to show a “prime” symbol as well.

The specification was objected to because it failed to contain section headings, and the Examiner will please note that section headings have been supplied in the proposed amendments to the specification set forth above. The specification was also objected to because of the specific deficiencies noted in paragraph 5 of the Office Action, and the Examiner will please note that each one of these objections has been met with the corresponding amendment to the specification.

Lastly, with respect to the specification, the Examiner noted that the specification did not contain a proper antecedent basis for the limitations at page 14, lines 14-20 and 30-32, of claim 1. Applicant has copied those elements into the specification at the appropriate place to provide the proper antecedent basis, as the Examiner will note.

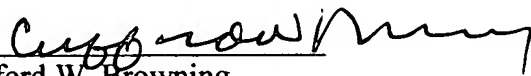
Claims 4-10 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependent form, and the Examiner will please note that by the foregoing proposed amendments to the claims, the multiple dependencies now appearing in the claim set after amendment are all in proper form.

Turning now to claim rejections over prior art, claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Strachovsky. For the reasons that follow, Applicant traverses this ground for rejection claims 1-3, as amended, and as they might later be applied to claims 4 and 6-10. While the Applicant does note the similarities between the elements of claim 1 appearing on page 14 of the original specification to the Strachovsky reference, Applicant is at a loss to understand the Examiner’s reasonings for finding the features of claim 1 that appear on page 15, lines 1-5, of the original specification within the Strachovsky reference. Referring particularly to Serial No. 10/664,026  
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the second line on page 5 of the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, it is the Applicant's opinion that it is quite clear that in Figure 4 (as well as in Figures 2, 3 and 5) of Strachovsky, that numeral 4 designates a pair of radial pins, each of which is solid rather than tubular, and, thus, cannot possibly enclose any other item. Perhaps the Examiner has overlooked the features of claim 1 appearing on page 15, lines 1-5, of the original specification, or misunderstood those features. Nevertheless, the Examiner will please note that Applicant has added to claim 1 the elements of claim 5, and has canceled claim 5, and it is the Applicant's belief that the elements of claim 5 very clearly patentably distinguish the present invention over the Strachovsky reference, either under §102 or §103.

For all these foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments to the specification and claims, reconsideration of the present application in light thereof, and allowance of amended claims 1-4 and 6-10 over all the prior art of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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